

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the U.S. National Phase Entry
Under 35 USC 371 from
International Application of
O'TOOLE, Edel et al.
Int'l. Application No. PCT/US00/04709
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Entitled: *Hair Care Compositions*

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination and computation of the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

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4. A composition according to Claim 1 wherein said amino acid compounds have a water solubility of at least about 0.1g/l.
 5. A composition according to Claim 1 wherein said composition further comprises a cosmetically acceptable carrier.
 7. A composition according to Claim 1 wherein said tyrosine compound is an ester derivative of tyrosine.
 8. A composition according to Claim 1 wherein said tyrosine compound is an alkyl or aryl.
 9. A composition according to Claim 1 wherein said tyrosine compound is a C₁-C₄. ?
 10. A cosmetic method of treating a substrate comprising applying a composition according to Claim 1 to said substrate.